

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

**May 13, 2019**

**Canada Room**

**5:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

Barry Martin, Chair, Robert Hunn, Vice-Chair, Laura Meffren, Brian Lynch, George George, Valerie Kitazaki, Meenu Khanna, Kaushi Rangunathan, Elaine Vollett, Anna Giallonardo, Rita Lam, Nahid Verma, Jewell Lofsky, Cheryl McConney-Wilson, Diversity Specialist, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, and Grace Lombardi, Legislative Coordinator

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>The Advisory Committee on Accessibility convened at 5:02 pm with Barry Martin presiding, as Chair.</p>	
<p><b>2. March of Dimes Presentation</b></p>	<p>Sherry Haines from the March of Dimes was in attendance to provide a presentation on the services they provide.</p> <p>Members asked several questions regarding their accessibility services, and audits.</p>	
<p><b>3. Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee Motion</b></p>	<p>Barry Martin, Chair provided an update from the City's Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He inquired about the accessibility features the Committee would like to see in the new Rouge Valley Trail and Park, which is currently being designed/constructed.</p> <p>Committee discussed the Rouge Valley Trail and Park. They wanted to ensure that a portion of the trail was made accessible/barrier free. They also wanted the park to include an accessible park for people of various ages and disabilities that could be easily accessed by transit.</p> <p>Moved by George George Seconded by Bob Hunn</p> <p>That the Advisory Committee on Accessibility recommend to the Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee that a portion of the Rouge Valley Trail be built Barrier Free with an Accessible Park; and,</p> <p>That If approved, the Advisory Committee on Accessibility approve all technical requirements for a barrier free trail and accessible recreational park in accordance with an Ontario Regulated Integrated</p>	<p>Provide Cycling &amp; Pedestrian Committee with motion passed by Committee – Barry Martin</p>

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	<p>Accessible Standards act, with consideration of providing activities for all ages and levels of abilities. Carried</p>	
<p><b>4. Audits of City Facilities or Public Spaces</b></p>	<p>Jewells Lofsky and Barry Martin provided the committee with information on an audit that was conducted at Cosmo Music Centre.</p> <p>Jewells Lofsky informed the Committee about the Cosmo Fest, which will be held on June 1st from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Committee voted to submit the application to Cosmo Music to have a booth at the Festival.</p> <p>Grace and Laura will complete the application to submit to Cosmo Music. Once approved, Grace and Laura will circulate a sign up sheet to the committee to cover shifts (2 hour shifts) at the booth.</p> <p>Items required for booth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Markham Tent</li> <li>• Markham table cloth</li> <li>• Brochures</li> <li>• Chairs and tables provided by Cosmo Music</li> </ul>	<p>Complete application form and circulate schedule for Cosmo Music Fest – Laura and Grace</p>
<p><b>5. Business Plan</b></p>	<p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6. Markham Accessibility Award</b></p>	<p>Laura will mail Members colour copies of the 2019 Accessibility Award nomination form, which includes the award criteria. She will also email Members a link to the award webpage once it has been updated.</p> <p>Committee was advised that one nomination has been received to date.</p>	<p>Mail copies of the 2019 Accessibility Award nomination form to the Committee – Laura</p> <p>Circulate the Accessibility Award webpage to the Committee once updated – Laura</p>
<p><b>7. Markham Accessibility Fair</b></p>	<p>Committee discussed educating the public on one disability this year, then another the following year rather than holding a fair. This could be developed into a “Did You Know” series that the Committee publishes in the local newspaper, or in another City publications. Laura suggested that it could possibly</p>	

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	be published in "Markham Life" magazine, but that this would need to be investigated further if the Committee decided to pursue this option.	
<b>8. New Business</b>	The Chair advised that the Committee currently has no budget and that it may need to ask for a budget or look for sponsors to fund its projects.	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	The Advisory Committee on Accessibility adjourned at 6:52 pm.	